

PATENT

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Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed November 29, 2006. The Examiner has indicated that the drawings are inconsistent with the specification. The present response includes the following:

Amendments to the Specification: Page 2
Amendments to the Claims: None
Amendments to the Abstract: None
Amendments to the Drawings: None
Remarks: Page 3
Attachments: None